station. This provision has since been modified and the Railways have been authorised to earmark Tatkal quota at some intermediate station also keeping in view the traffic pattern and utilisation of end-to-end Tatkal quota. In such cases, the passengers travelling from originating station to any station short of such intermediate station will pay fare upto that intermediate station and not upto terminating station of the train.

(b) As no prior intimation of such termination of journey is available, such vacant berths are allotted by the on-board Ticket Checking staff if there is demand.

(c) Separate date of such earnings is not maintained.

Thalasserry-Mysore rail line

3312. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the survey of the Thalasserry-Mysore railway line first conducted; and

(b) whether Government in view of the economic developments taken place in the whole of Malabar region and adjoining areas of Karnataka during the last decades would agree that the conclusion arrived by the Railways three decades ago that this rail line would not be economically viable, needs reconsiderations in the light of present realities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) This survey was completed in 1959-60.

(b) Updating survey for Thalasserry-Mysore new line has been included in the budget 2007-08.

Macro Plan of Railways

†3313. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.